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 Serial No.: 09/392,034)
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 For: METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF ALIGNED)
 ISOLATION TRENCH)
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 Filed: September 8, 1999)
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

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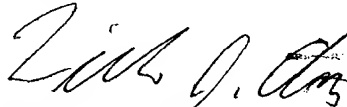
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Respectfully submitted,



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